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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Masamoto UENISHI, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1771  
SERIAL NO.: 09/623,474 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 : EXAMINER: CHANG  
FOR: COMPOSITE HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated July 17, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse,  
Group I, Claims 1-8 for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to composite hollow fiber membrane; and

Group II: Claim 9, drawn to a method of producing a composite hollow fiber  
membrane.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8 for further prosecution.

In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse on the grounds that the Office has not  
provided an adequate reason or example to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness, or  
shown that a burden exists in searching the entire application.

Further, MPEP §803 states as follows:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on its merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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